

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

P.S. – Roads & Buildings Department – Sri V.Balwantha Rao, the then HD now Dy.EE, City Roads Division, Hyderabad – Procurement of caution/sign boards – Punishment imposed – Review petition filed – Allowed – Orders – Issued.

TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1002

Dated: 28.08.2009.
Read the following:-

- 1) G.O.Rt.No.1146, TR&B Department, dt.28.07.2008.
- 2) Representation from Sri V.Balwantha Rao, the then HD now Dy.EE, City Roads Division, Hyderabad, dated 01.09.2008.
- 3) From the ENC (R&B), Admn., Lr.No.316/VC(1)/2002, dt.07.04.2009.

O R D E R:-

The Government, in the reference 1st read above, issued orders for imposing a punishment of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect on Sri V.Balwantha Rao, the then HD now Dy.EE, City Roads Division, Hyderabad.

2) Sri V.Balwantha Rao, in his review petition, has submitted that according to para 45 of APPW 'D' Code, the Executive Engineer is responsible for the engineering features of designs and the rate in estimates prepared or sanctioned by him. The estimates were sanctioned by the Executive Engineer for procurement duly obtaining sanction from the Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Admn. Further, submitted that Government have issued orders in G.O.Rt.No.477, TR&B Department, dated 29.03.2008, accepting the recommendations of the Committee for exoneration of the officers on the procedural lapses committed in purchase of caution/sign boards through sealed quotations by splitting the work to the extent of Rs.10.00 lakhs i.e., within their powers of technical sanction. The purchase of caution/sign boards were with the specific approval of the Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) as already submitted and therefore such procurement cannot be brought within the purview of the Enquiry or the Charge. The procurement of the remaining was about Rs.1.00 lakhs and therefore, the procurement was within the powers of the Executive Engineer as such no charge can be sustained against him. He has finally requested to exonerate him of the charges.

3) The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Admn., has stated that the purchases in this case was at the time of visit of the American President and the purchases were made for Rs.7.14 lakhs falls within the Technical Sanction power of Executive Engineer as per G.O.Rt.No.477, TR&B Department, dt.29.03.2008. The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Roads, permitted to procure the sign boards. The Enquiry Officer has also not established any loss to Government. Hence, he has requested to review the orders of punishment imposed against Sri V.Balwantha Rao, the then HD now Dy.EE and exonerate him of the charges.

4) Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to accept the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Admn.

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5) Government hereby exonerate of the charges leveled against Sri V.Balwantha Rao, the then HD now Dy.Executive Engineer duly setting aside the punishment of stoppage of one increment with cumulative effect issued in G.O.Rt.No1146, Transport, Roads & Buildings (Vig.I) Department, dated 28.07.2008.

6) The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Admn., shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.T.CHATTERJEE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri V. Balwantha Rao, the then HD now Dy.Executive Engineer.
(Through ENC (R&B), admn., Hyderabad)

The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Admn., Hyderabad.

Copy to :

The Director General, Genl. Admn. (V&E) Department,
BRKR Bhavan, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to VC, APVC, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER